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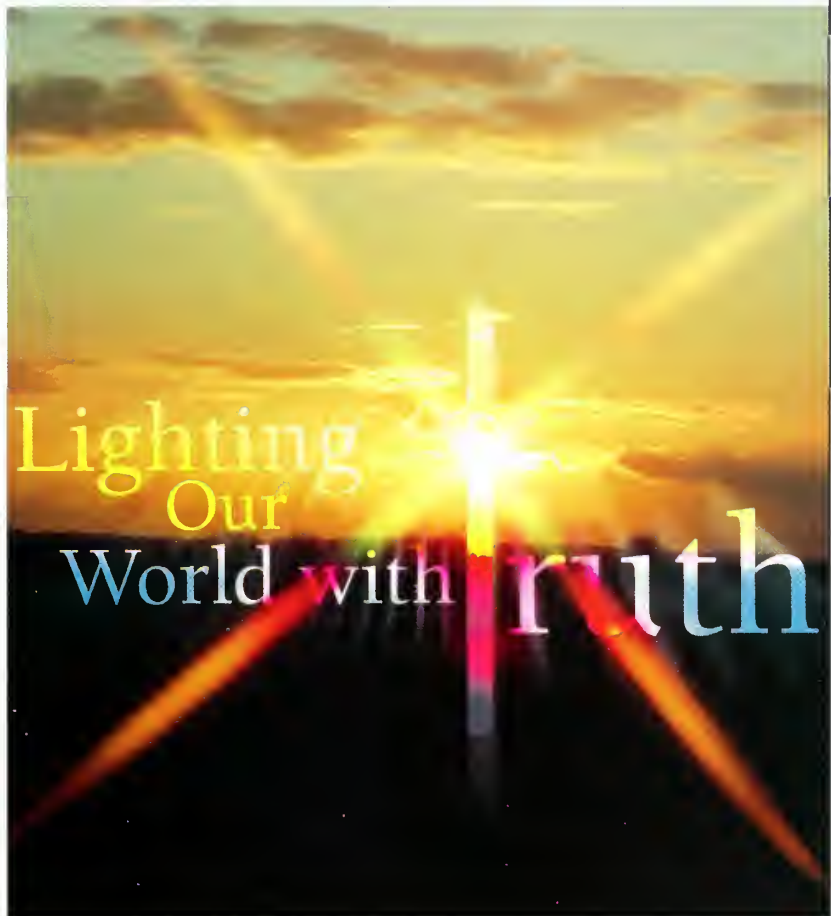
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At its most basic, the Christian worldview is best described as penetrating our world as salt and light as Jesus commands us in Matthew 5:13-16.



IN YOUR WORDS

THREE DECADES

I am a proud graduate of Charleston Southern University, even though it took longer for me than most students. You see, I started at the Baptist College in August 1969 and graduated in May 1980. I am probably the only student who attended for three decades ('60s, '70s, '80s).

When I began my journey, the men were housed in the trailers, and you walked through water just about everywhere you went. The library was only a very deep hole in the ground; you attended Convocation every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11, and Dr. Carpenter was the head of the religion department. I saw a lot of changes take place in my journey. I enjoy going back now and seeing the beautiful dormitories, the beautiful buildings, and especially Lightsey Chapel. Things have changed, but for the better.

Robert Byrd '80

Mullins, S.C.

BAPTIZING DR. HUNTER

When I attended CSU (1983-87), we had a tradition of throwing people into the Reflection Pond. Mary Youngblood '85, Mike Decosta '87 and I felt it was our Christian duty to toss the new college president. Dr. Hunter is not a very big man, but he is very strong. He fought the good fight but lost. He took it like a man and remained civil to us our remaining years at Baptist College.

He came to CSU during some very tumultuous times and has been faithful to serve God and bring pride to the family called Charleston Southern University. We like to think that his success was because of this special baptism service. Nothing is more amusing than a college president covered in wet bird droppings.

Rev. Thomas Olin Mosser '87

Gulfport, Miss.



Editor's note: "CSU Magazine" was able to find a picture of the infamous event.

A PEANUT STARTED IT

CSU will always have a special place in my life. The memories of those days are still very fresh. It was at CSU that I responded to God's calling on my life and am now pastoring Summerton Baptist Church. God also sent me someone very special while at CSU.

One night, while dining in the cafeteria, we had steak night, which included a small cup of peanuts on our tray. During dinner, I threw a peanut at Bob Ashba '83 (currently my associate pastor). The peanut missed Bob and hit Nancy Timmons '85. Nancy and I started dating that night, March 4, 1982, were married on July 28, 1985, and continue to share life together with our two girls Anna (CSU Class of 2011) and Ashelynn (CSU Class of 2014).

Rob Pierce '85

Summerton, S.C.

Chairman, CSU's Ministers Support Network

THOMAS MOSSER IS THE WINNER OF THE BEST SUBMISSION PRIZE THIS ISSUE.

Submissions for In Your Words for the spring magazine are due by Jan. 15. What is your reaction to Christian worldview and how it impacts your life? Or, write and tell us about a CSU memory or something else in the magazine that caught your eye.

Keep submissions to 300 words or less and include photos if you have them. When sending photos electronically, please save them in JPEG format. All submissions should be sent to Jan Joslin at jjoslin@csuniv.edu or mail to University Relations, CSU, P.O. Box 118087, Charleston, SC 29423-8087. Don't forget to include your name and year of graduation.

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Margaret Taylor Gilmore has faithfully served CSU for more than 40 years, both through her tireless work on behalf of the University and her encouraging, caring spirit.

Shortly after moving to Charleston in 1962, Margaret began working at the Baptist College at Charleston, which in her words, "existed only on paper." Margaret was the fourth person hired at the new college – before there were buildings, books, desks, or chairs. She took a leap of faith, signing on as administrative assistant to the officers of the administration, a title that later changed to director of publicity and public relations, director of communications and University archivist.

She has enriched the University family through her words – both spoken and written. Known for her love of journalism, Margaret has captured the soul of CSU through her writing since the institution's earliest days. Margaret's friends describe her life as one marked by a deep love for students, a commitment to lifelong learning, and a strong faith in Jesus Christ.

In 1993, CSU recognized Margaret's unique contributions by awarding her an honorary doctorate. Although she has now retired, Margaret's life is no less committed to the mission of CSU.

The Women's Auxiliary Advisory Council of CSU is showing their appreciation for this remarkable lady by creating a landscaping project in her honor.

The Council, in partnership with the University administration, is working to plan and execute a fitting tribute on the campus. The result of this project will be a lovely space that promotes quiet reflection and thankfulness to God – two distinctive characteristics in Margaret's life.

A beautifully landscaped space on the campus is not only an appropriate means of honoring the life of a faithful servant, but it will serve as an inspirational place for students, faculty and staff for many years to come.

If you would like to contribute, please send a check payable to Women's Auxiliary

Landscaping project will honor Gilmore



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> > > > *Heard around* CAMPUS

"There is nothing more important than having trusting relationships with the people you work with. If you don't have trust, people won't work together."

— *Grange Cuthbert, partner with Prudential Carolina real estate company, speaking to the M.B.A. capstone class on the planning and management expertise he has gained over the course of his career.*

"We get to commune with God through the gift of music."

— *Jami Smith, musician/worship leader, during a convocation concert.*

"Entrepreneurship is about refusing to admit you can be beaten. Are you a risk taker? Are you a hard worker, meaning that you are willing to put in 12 to 14 hours a day, six to seven days a week, for at least five years? Are you committed to the business idea? Are you tenacious? Are you eager to personally excel? If you are all of the above, then I say go for it when the opportunity comes."

— *Robert Brinson, entrepreneur and investor, to the M.B.A. capstone class, speaking about being successful in business and as an entrepreneur.*

BellSouth awarded cabling contract

CSU has awarded BellSouth the cabling contract for the new 54,000-square-foot science building. "CSU and BellSouth have teamed up on several technology projects in the past with great success," said Rusty Bruns, chief information officer. "I am confident this partnership will again result in a superior product."

The science facility, designed by architects Lord, Aeck & Sargent of Atlanta, is located adjacent to the Reflection Pond in the center of the campus. The completed science building will house the biology

department, chemistry department, specialized greenhouse and tissue culture spaces, and faculty offices. The cabling contract includes hundreds of data, telephone and cable TV jacks and more than nine miles of cable. Air blown fiber will be used for connectivity to the communications building at the back of the campus. It will transport the blown fiber 2,000 feet in approximately 15 minutes. When complete, the science building will be the most technologically advanced building on campus.

FAMILY WEEKEND 2005

The dates have been set! Family Weekend 2005 is going to be the weekend of **Feb. 18-19, 2005!** The agenda is still to be finalized, but highlights will include the annual Parents of Buccaneers meeting, spring sports, educational seminars for the parents, the annual Legacy Luncheon, and plenty of free time with your students.

If you have any suggestions for topics you'd like to see discussed during the weekend, please feel free to e-mail them to sgtaylor@csuniv.edu. Brochures will be sent to each student's family in December with the complete agenda for the weekend.

Make plans now to attend!

Concert Singers Chosen as Choir in Residence at York Minster Cathedral



The Charleston Southern University Concert Singers are pictured in York Minster Cathedral, where they served as choir in residence over the summer.

The Concert Singers were selected by audition to serve as Choir in Residence at York Minster Cathedral from May 29 through June 3. They performed for an Evensong service each day, and two Eucharist services on Sunday, May 30. During each Evensong, the Concert Singers sang Herbert Howells' *Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis* (*Collegium Regale*) in addition to the *Preces and Responses* by Craig Phillips, psalms, hymns and a different anthem each day. The anthems included *Sicut Cervus* by Palestrina, *Jubilate Deo* by Lassus, *Praise to the Lord* by Christiansen and *Laudate Nomen Domine* by Tye. "It was great to finally perform songs in the space in which they were meant to be sung," said Caroline Wham, a 2004 graduate who participated in the trip.

"Our experience in England was life-altering," said Bullock. "At all of the

services, performances and concerts, the Concert Singers sang from their hearts in a such a beautiful way it touched everyone who heard them. The experience of singing all the services in York Minster, with its history of worship, moved us daily to renew our relationship to God through our singing."

While in York, the Concert Singers also participated in an outreach program at the York Council on the Aging and a service project with York Baptist Church. CSU music therapy majors, under the direction of Lori Gooding, also worked with North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre.

Megan Burt, a sophomore youth ministry major, sums up the trip this way: "The beauty of the countryside mixed with the thousands of years of history around every corner really made the experience one that will not be forgotten."

The Concert Singers, joined by director Dr. Valerie Bullock, organist English Morris and 10 friends of the Concert Singers, left Charleston May 27 for a 12-day tour of London and York, England.



Karges-Bone awarded grant from Community Foundation

Dr. Linda Karges-Bone, professor of education, has received notification of funding of her proposal "Sharing the Standards: Professional Development" by the Community Foundation, serving coastal South Carolina. This \$800 grant was funded in the 2004 cycle of teacher minigrants to improve teaching and learning in local schools.

The grant will jointly benefit future teachers from the School of Education and in-service teachers at Ladson Elementary School. Ladson Elementary is a professional development site school

working in partnership with the University to prepare competent, caring and committed new teachers. Forty senior teaching interns are working during the fall semester with master teachers on social studies standards projects to improve PACT scores among at-risk students. Karges-Bone has worked with teachers at Ladson Elementary for 14 years, and the PDS partnership was recognized at the national Professional Development Schools Conference in Orlando in March.

School of Business partners with national program

The School of Business has joined the SAP University Alliance Program, becoming the only university in the state currently a member.

CSU now has access to SAP's leading business solutions and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) computer-based information systems. The University Alliance Program allows CSU to use SAP's software as an instructional

tool to help develop technically sophisticated graduates.

The SAP University Alliance Program provides a unique opportunity for students to gain real-world experience. Corporate recruiters appreciate the value of SAP experience, so graduates who receive certification from the University Program increase their opportunities to find rewarding employment.

NEW FACULTY

The University announces the following new faculty appointments:

Mr. Jesse Adkinson, religion/
youth ministry

Mr. Craig Barto, Foundation
Studies Program

Capt. Erin Cook, Air Force ROTC/
aerospace studies

Ms. April DeGuzman, nursing

Mr. Robert Fox, music/band

Dr. T. Christian Grattan, chemistry

Dr. Bryce Hanlon, mathematics

Dr. Peter Jenkins, biology/geology

Ms. Anita Korbe, nursing

Dr. Jennifer Luiken, music/vocal
performance

Dr. Bob McNamara, sociology

Ms. Janice Walker, psychology

Dr. Lorriane Wylie, graduate education

Five Holiday Movies Your Family Should Watch...Together

— According to Dr. Christine Williams, assistant professor of theatre

With the holiday season fast approaching, I was asked to list the top five movies for this time of year. Once everyone has finished that wonderful and large meal and it is time to sit on the couch, here are some great movies for your family to watch together. I hope you enjoy them!

1. "It's a Wonderful Life" (1947)

I know this is on everyone's list, but this movie deserves its spot at the top. A classic film featuring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed, George questions the point of his existence and is given a rare chance to glimpse where the world would be without his life. The working title for the movie was "The Greatest Gift," and this movie certainly reminds us all that we have a purpose and have been given the greatest gift.

2. "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947)

Amazingly, this film, widely known as a Christmas classic, was released in May of 1947 to capitalize on larger movie audiences. The studio kept it a secret that the film was a Christmas movie. This is a great movie that every family can enjoy featuring an old man who believes he is Santa Claus. Most think he is insane, except for those around him who have the strength to believe in him.

3. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966, Animated)

Not only does this film feature the wonderful narrative of Dr. Seuss but it also includes the narration of Boris Karloff. This is a lovely tale of the Grinch and his plan to steal Christmas from the Whos of Whoville, who are perpetually happy. But the Whos of Whoville teach

the Grinch that the materials of Christmas mean nothing; it is the spirit that counts.

4. "A Christmas Story" (1983)

Who among us has never yearned for that perfect Christmas present that would make our world complete? This movie is great fun and captures the spirit of children at Christmastime magnificently. It is the story of Ralphie, who yearns to own a BB gun while everyone around him exclaims, "You'll shoot your eye out!"

5. "Scrooged" (1988)

Finally, another twist on the "Christmas Carol" story brings selfish TV executive Bill Murray to experience the hauntings of the three ghosts who expose his empty and sad life. There are certainly countless other versions of a "Christmas Carol," but this one blends the classic story with the wonderful humor of Bill Murray.



TOP 5

MINISTRIES

Women's Basketball Team Travels to Dominican Republic

by Katie E. Lee '05



Just before the start of the academic year, the returning players on the Women's basketball team took a 12-day trip to the Dominican Republic. The team worked in conjunction with the Score International Missionary Training Center, an organization that not only trains students in how to conduct themselves on the court, but how to share the gospel as well.

Campus minister Clark Carter said, "They got to show their talents on and off the court on this trip." While in the small city of Juan Dolio, where the missionary center is located, the Lady Bucs had the opportunity to play several teams, such as the Dominican Republic's National Team

and the Dominican Junior National Team. They also ministered to many of the local people and experienced many aspects of Dominican culture.

Head coach Stephanie Yelton, assistant coach Beth Kane, team manager Audrey Cummings, student trainer Alan Bontya, Carter and the rest of the team left Charleston on Aug. 3 and traveled to the Dominican Republic. The team played six games in 12 days – three were against the Dominican National Team, one was against the Dominican

Junior National Team, and two were against the club team Mauricio Baez. The Lady Bucs won twice against the National Team, beat the Junior National Team, and won one game against the club team. Between game and practice times, the young women worked in a small orphanage in La Romana, an event that Yelton says was "beneficial for all of us."

In a journal entry, senior Amanda Ekberg wrote about her experience at La Romana: "As soon as our bus pulled up...and we entered the gates, children from the ages of three to 18 latched onto all of us. The girls wanted their faces painted and their nails done. The few boys like to swing, play hacky sack and use the kites. A few of the kids just wanted to cuddle in our arms."

Every child at the orphanage is given his or her own bed and guaranteed a shower and only one meal each day. Team

member Keena Wicker wrote in her journal entry about the experience, "I think God has really opened my eyes and shown me how to be thankful for the things I have."

Despite the exciting games, new friends, extensive ministry, and tours of the countryside and local beaches,

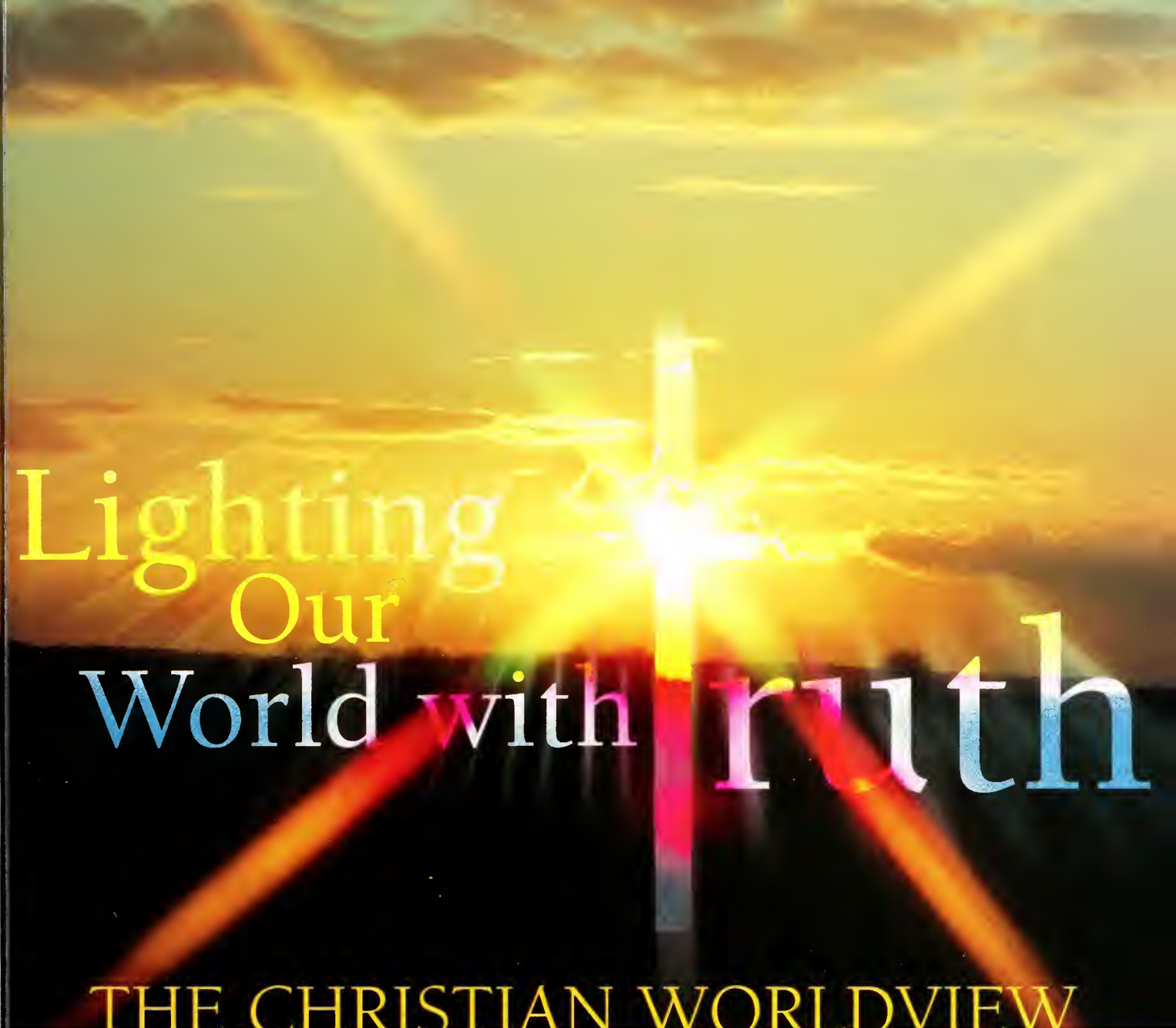
most of the student-athletes agreed that the team's newfound closeness to one another and to the Lord was the highlight of the trip. Junior Danielle Baskin said of the experience, "It was a great time for the team to come closer – we were united in spirit, united in purpose, and united in love. That is from Philippians 2:1-4, and it's our motto." Yelton went on to add, "I could see the players getting prepared... They were stepping out of their comfort zones. They were stepping out and they were receptive to new experiences. And, by doing this, they changed the lives of other people."



Campus hosts M-Fuge camp



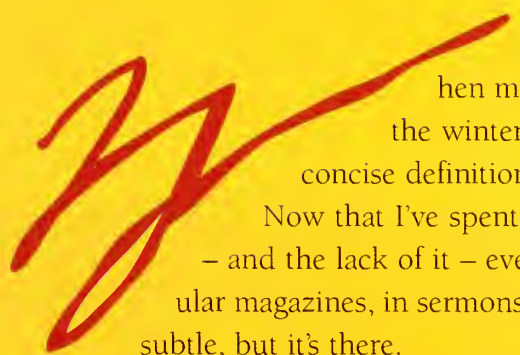
Campers from First Baptist Church, Darlington, work at the Lowcountry Food Bank as part of their week at the LifeWay Christian Resources' M-Fuge camp. About 4,000 teens stayed on campus this summer. It was CSU's fifth consecutive year as hosts.



Lighting Our World with truth

THE CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

by Jan Joslin



When my vice president asked me to focus on Christian worldview for the winter issue of the magazine, I was hard-pressed to come up with a concise definition.

Now that I've spent some time with the subject, I encounter Christian worldview – and the lack of it – everywhere: on television, in advertisements, in novels and popular magazines, in sermons, and in my middle-schooler's textbooks. Granted, most of it is subtle, but it's there.

At its most basic, the Christian worldview is best described as penetrating our world as salt and light as Jesus commands us in Matthew 5:13-16.

A hot topic among Christians, scores of books and Web sites are dedicated to explaining Christian worldview. Prominent Christian authors such as Charles Colson, Ravi Zacharias and Josh McDowell have tackled the subject to

Colson says, "...the central questions that any worldview must answer [are]:

1. Creation – Where did we come from, and who are we?

2. Fall – What has gone wrong with the world?

3. Redemption – What can we do to fix it?"

He goes on to answer these questions in "How Now Shall We Live?"

row's world not because of the position he will one day hold but because of the perspective he will have on all of life – his worldview. The Christian worldview affects everything."

Charleston Southern has embarked on an ambitious project to build a Christian Leadership Center that will prepare servant leaders of all vocations to understand, live and promote a Christian worldview within our culture and across the globe.

The CLC will define Christianity as a comprehensive framework of truth that has a redemptive effect on the surrounding culture. Further, the CLC will equip Christians to evangelize effectively a secular culture by bringing God's righteousness to bear in the world around us.

The CLC is built on four pillars: to **evangelize** those who do not yet know Christ, to **equip** those who do know Christ to become effective leaders who can articulate and demonstrate the absolute importance of a biblical worldview, to **edify** believers by encouraging personal spiritual growth, and to **expand** the ministry horizons of believers to global proportions (Matt. 28:18-20).

In a culture where secularism has become the dominant worldview, the need for Christians entering the culture in every vocation is critical. George H. Guthrie, in "Shaping a Christian Worldview," calls those in higher education to produce Christian scholars. "C.S. Lewis once suggested that Christian intellectuals have an important ministry of engaging the broader world of ideas on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the church, to stand in the gap for them, offering well-conceived reflections on



impress upon Christians the need to penetrate our culture.

In the introduction to "How Now Shall We Live?" by Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey, Colson says, "The church's singular failure in recent decades has been the failure to see Christianity as a life system, or worldview, that governs every area of existence."

Understanding and living out a Christian worldview has tremendous implications for the Christian university. Todd E. Brady in "Shaping a Christian Worldview: The Foundations of Christian Higher Education" by David S. Dockery and Gregory Alan Thornbury, says, "The Christian college graduate is prepared for life and will make a difference in tomor-

EXAMPLES OF SECULARIST BELIEFS

Existence of a god unknowable

Only believe what can be seen

Truth, right and wrong are relative to the person or situation

EXAMPLES OF CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

God exists in 3 persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit

God created the world and is involved in the world

Truth, right and wrong are knowable through the Bible: absolutes

reality from the Christian point of view," said Guthrie. "If in our generation we are to carry out this weighty task and, thus, play a role in 'shaping a Christian worldview' in those under our voices or pens, then we will have to do so in all the disciplines of the academy, working at integrating faith and learning beginning at the level of presuppositions, and ultimately, with an orientation to the authority of Scripture."

The University is already involved in training Christian young people on many levels. The faculty's Integration of Faith and Learning Committee has representatives from multiple disciplines continually working to bridge the gap between the scholarly and the spiritual. Our religion faculty impacts every student as he/she takes religion core classes. The University makes available missions trips and countless service opportunities.

But in this day and age, it is not enough. The CLC will centralize the programs the University is already doing and provide the location for additional programs. "The center will enable us to teach students that Christianity should permeate every area of their life," said Dr. Rick Brewer, vice president for planning and student affairs.

The influence of Charleston Southern University on the culture cannot be taken lightly. Colson says, "The future of any society depends on the way it teaches its children...That's also why one of the fiercest battles in today's 'culture war' is over education. If Christians are going to be 'salt,' if we are going to restore order and justice throughout the culture, we must restore high-quality education."



Dr. John Duncan



Dr. Don Dowless

The deans address a Christian worldview

As the University prepares tomorrow's leaders, CSU faculty members play a key role in teaching and promoting a Christian worldview.

Bob Briner, in his book "Roaring Lambs," says "Being salt is not nearly so much about having more pastors and missionaries as it is about having many more committed Christian lay people thinking strategically about and acting on ways to build the kingdom in such areas as public policy, advertising, media, higher education, entertainment, the arts, and sports."

How does a CSU education address this? What are students learning here that will affect how they interact with the world?

How are Christian beliefs portrayed through the professors' teaching? And what will students take away from CSU that will have an impact on their careers, their families and their communities?

"CSU Magazine" posed these questions to a couple of the University's deans. Here are their thoughts on the subject.



DR. JOHN DUNCAN

DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The world economy is still trying to recover from the devastating effects of the unethical business practices of Enron and WorldCom. These two cases of management fraud caused the public to question the legitimacy and accuracy of our entire financial reporting process, and the effects of these frauds sent our capital markets reeling. Both Enron and WorldCom were led by men who claim to be Christians and were considered outstanding members of their local churches. There seems, however, to have been a great chasm between the spiritual lives and the professional lives of these two CEOs.

The School of Business has determined to distinguish itself from other business programs in the region by communicat-

ing best business practices as well as timeless biblical principles. One of our primary goals is to encourage students, faculty, and other constituents to conduct their personal and professional lives according to biblical principles and to glorify God in all that they do.

We want our students to understand that life cannot be separated into sacred and secular components. The purpose of our lives should be to glorify God in all that we do, and this includes glorifying Him in our work. Colossians 3:23-24 says, "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve." Corinthians 10:31 says, "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." Work is impor-

tant to God and through business we have an opportunity to imitate Him and carry out His command in the first chapter of Genesis to subdue the earth.

The Bible has much to say about how to conduct business and live in the marketplace. Our School of Business is working to provide opportunities for our students as well as for people in the community to learn more about applying biblical principles to business. The members of our business faculty seek to model the importance of operating in the business world with a Christian mindset. I am teaching our Business Ethics course this year and have incorporated numerous passages of scripture and several case studies published by Christian business organizations into this class.

This year we launched the first student group affiliated with one of the premier



DR. DON DOWLESS

DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30 NASB). God calls us to love Him with all that we are. This sentence summarizes a proper biblical worldview, that we train and mentor our students to be mirrors of Jesus Christ – the whole person wholly committed to God's truth. In the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, we strive to help students of all majors to view life as a commitment to discovering God's work and applying those principles to their chosen profession. Because God is sovereign, our investigations in all academic disciplines lead us to see, admire, and promote His handiwork into our culture; that is, God's truth manifested in every sphere of life. The late Francis Schaeffer stated the idea best in his work, "A Christian Manifesto":

"When I say Christianity is true I mean it is true to total reality – the total of what is, beginning with the central reality, the objective existence of the personal-infinite God. Christianity is not just a series of truths but Truth – Truth about all of reality."¹

Developing such a worldview is a team effort – every discipline working together to make the Christian college experience unlike any other. Christianity addresses questions about the nature of humanity and our problems. Helping our students develop a Christian worldview hinges primarily upon our willingness to strive for personal excellence, serving as mentors and examples of a biblical worldview. Thus, we seek to excel in our disciplines not only for the sake of investigation, but because we seek to know more of God's activity and how it impacts our world and universe.

Some specific recent examples deserve mention. This summer faculty from various departments within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences – criminal justice, music, psychology, Spanish,

and sociology – led student groups on global education trips, and several of these trips included a specific mission component, demonstrating practically the love of Jesus Christ. Two members from the religion department traveled overseas to share their expertise to national students who are training for Christian ministry.

Whether through teaching, internships, mentoring, or other activities, departments within the College actively participate in the academic and spiritual lives of our students. Several years ago the College of Humanities and Social Sciences proposed a new degree, a minor in Christian leadership, in order to prepare our students in making a distinct difference in our culture and in the Kingdom of God. The minor, focusing on evangelism and discipleship, had a twofold mission: to prepare students to lead men and women to saving faith in Jesus Christ, and to prepare students for the task of educating men and women in the Christian faith. From 1992 to 2002 the number of stu-

Christian business ministries, Christ@Work. The purpose of this organization is to exhort business leaders to have an "obedient Christian walk." This student group is a pilot project that Christ@Work hopes to duplicate on college campuses around the world. On Jan. 28, 2005, we will be partnering with Christ@Work and Crown Financial Ministries to host a one-day seminar on Larry Burkett's "Business by the Book." The purpose of extracurricular activities such as these is to provide answers to questions such as:

- How can I determine the purpose of my work/business?
- What should be our relationship to our employees?
- How can we operate our businesses with integrity?

- How can I collect biblically what is due?
- How can I determine godly long-range goals?
- Should Christians be involved in partnerships?
- How and when should I lend money and/or extend credit?
- How can I compete and honor God?
- What role should my spouse play?
- How can I create a biblically based corporate culture?

It is our prayer our business students will leave CSU with answers to these questions and that they will be prepared to enter the world of work with a desire to glorify God and make a difference for Christ in the marketplace.

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¹ "A Christian Manifesto," in The Complete Works of Francis Schaeffer, v. 5 (Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books, 1982), 425.

² "The State of Christian Higher Education: Booming," cccu.org/about/contentID.29/about.asp

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Hall of Famers recognized with weekend of their own



By Bob Trenor

October 1-2 was a record-setting weekend.

The first Hall of Fame Weekend featured the second largest induction class in the school's history.

Three sports had first-time inductees, which means all 17 sports now have representation in the Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame class of 2004 inductees:

COY BROWNING

Football 1991-1993

Coy was a three-year starter and letterman at linebacker for the football team's first three years. He is the program's all-time leading tackler with 292 career tackles. He still holds the school record for the most tackles in a season at 118. He graduated with a degree in criminal justice and is now an attorney in Florida.

GREG MCKENZIE

Club Football 1986-1990

Greg was a member of the club football team, playing five years as a wide receiver. Although no official records were compiled during the club years, he is recognized as the team's leading receiver. He is the owner of a mortgage company located in the greater Charleston area.

WENDY ENNIS

Women's Soccer 1993-1996

A four-year starter and four-time Big South All-Conference selection, Wendy holds the school's career records in games played (76), games started (76), goals (49), points (122) and shots (279). She is second in all-time career assists (24), and holds the single season records for goals (21), points (52), and shots (89). Wendy was recently the venue coordinator for swimming at the Athens Olympics.

CARRIE O'CONNELL

Volleyball 1991-1994

Carrie was a four-year starter and letterwinner. She holds the career records for attacks (3,697), kills (1,469), block assists (350) and games played (474). She also holds the single season records for digs (522), attacks (1,107), block assists (120) and is third all-time in service aces (109). She was selected first team Big South All-Conference twice. Carrie lives in Illinois.

BRETT LARRICK

Men's Basketball 1993-1997

As a four-year starter and letterman, Brett was a three-time Big South All-Conference selection. He was captain of the 1996-97 team that won the Big South Championship and made the school's first appearance in the NCAA tournament. He finished his career as the second leading all-time scorer with 1,738 points and is third all-time leading scorer in the Big South. He holds the record for three-pointers (234), and three-pointers in a game (7). Upon graduation, Brett's jersey

was retired, only the second in school history. He now resides in Elyria, Ohio.

CHRISSY KELLY

Women's Basketball 1992-1996

A four-year starter and letterwinner, Chrissy is the all-time leading scorer with 1,750 points. She holds school records for field goals attempted in a season (451), field goals attempted in career (1,423), free throws made in a game (14), free throws made in a season (185) and free throws made in a career (593). She holds school records for assists in a season (160) and assists in a career (504). She is the fifth all-time leading scorer in Big South Conference history and is second all-time in conference history in made free throws. She was named 1992-93 Big South Conference Rookie of the Year, was selected to the Big South All-Conference team three times and was the 1995-96 Big South Player of the Year after leading the conference in scoring. She now lives and coaches in Woodbridge, Va.

HANS OLSEN

Men's Tennis player 1989-1992; coach 1997-2001

A four-year performer, Hans was a two-time Big South All-Conference selection and was twice named Most Valuable Player as the number one singles player. Hans returned to CSU as head men's and women's tennis coach in 1997. He guided the men's team to four consecutive Big South championships, earning Big South Coach of the Year honors four times. He posted a men's coaching record of 89-31 overall. Combined with his women's record, Hans posted a 133-92 overall record. He is now the women's tennis coach at North Carolina State University.

TRACY BLOOMBERG-MCKENZIE

Softball 1989-1992

Tracy was a four-time Big South All-Conference selection as a pitcher. She



L-R: Tracy Bloomberg-McKenzie, softball; Greg McKenzie, club football; Chrissy Kelly, basketball; Mark Cisar, baseball; Wendy Ennis, soccer; Coy Browning, football; Brett Larrick, basketball; Hans Olsen, tennis.

Not pictured are Carrie O'Connell, volleyball, and Buddy Britt, cross country.

holds school records for career saves (3), career shutouts (18), career ERA (1.95), career appearances (118), career starts (103), career innings pitched (275), career complete games (91) and career wins (59). She is second all-time in career strikeouts and holds the single season records for wins (24) and complete games (38). She lives in the Charleston area.

MARK CISAR

Baseball 1995-1998

One of the few players to ever be a full-time pitcher and position player, Mark was a three-time Big South All-Conference selection and was the 1997 Big South Conference Player of the Year. As a pitcher, Mark ranks third on the career list in appearances (75), second all-time in complete games (18), third all-time in wins (18), third all-time in innings pitched (274.1), first all-time in saves (12), and second all-time in strikeouts (249). As a hitter, Mark is second in career runs scored (139), third in career hits (205), third in career triples (8), third in career RBI (112) and fifth in career stolen bases (55). He holds the single season record for stolen bases with 28. He played five seasons in the Boston Red Sox organization, reaching the AAA level in 2003. He is working and living in McMechen, W. Va.

E.H. "BUDDY" BRITT

Track/Cross Country 1967-1970

Buddy excelled as a distance runner in the early years of the track program. He is a former record holder in the two-mile and three-mile, as well as a member of the school record distance medley relay unit. In 1969, Buddy finished second in the South Carolina state cross country meet and is a former record holder in the state collegiate cross country meet on the five-mile course. Buddy lives in Musella, Ga., and works with Blue Bird Bus Company.



Eddie Gadson

Athletic Highlights

By David Shelton

FOOTBALL PLAYERS SETTING RECORDS

Redshirt freshman football player Eddie Gadson put his name into the Big South Conference record books in the opening game of the 2004 season. In a 19-14 loss to Presbyterian College, Gadson caught 13 passes, surpassing the old record of 10, held by Aaron Dunklin.

Sophomore quarterback Collin Drafts completed 28 passes in the game, one short of a Big South Conference record.



ATHLETES ON TOP IN CLASSROOMS

Athletes are proving to be quite a force in the classroom these days. Baseball player Jeff Kolhagen was awarded the George A. Christenberry Award for Academic Excellence from the Big South Conference. The award is given to a male and female athlete with the highest grade-point-average for their college careers. Kolhagen graduated from the honors program and also earned the John A. Barry Scholar Award. Kolhagen graduated in May but will return for one more season of baseball eligibility in 2005 as he works on his master's.

Tennis player Kim Kennedy received the Carolyn Killen Hunter Outstanding Christian Teacher Endowed Scholarship and Award in May.

THREE NEW COACHES ON STAFF

Jason Murray was hired as the new head baseball coach in August. Murray comes to CSU from his position as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Michigan. Murray has also had coaching stints at the University of Florida and Winthrop University.

Men's basketball coach Jim Platt announced the hiring of J.D. Powell, a 2001 Clemson graduate, as a new assistant coach on his staff for the coming year. CSU women's basketball coach Stephanie Yelton hired Larry Leonard as an assistant on her staff. Leonard came to CSU from Wake Forest University.

BASKETBALL TEAMS GEARING UP

Speaking of basketball, the men's and women's programs are gearing up for the coming season. Both teams open the regular season on Nov. 19 against the College of Charleston. The men's team will play games at Notre Dame, Georgia Tech and Clemson this season, while the Lady Buccaneers have scheduled games at North Carolina and Kentucky in December.

University awarded \$371,000 grant from National Science Foundation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Henry Brown recently announced that Charleston Southern University has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$371,249 from the National Science Foundation.

“Charleston Southern University continues to demonstrate their ability to obtain research funding in this highly competitive environment,” Brown said. “I wish them every success in these endeavors and look forward to making other such announcements in the future.”

This grant was awarded to CSU for “A System for Preparing Individuals from Rural Environments for Success (ASPIRES) in Computer Science.” The program is targeted for students from rural areas in South Carolina who have the potential to succeed in computer science. Under the award, NSF and CSU will provide funds for tuition, housing and board during special summer courses in mathematics and computer science. During the regular semesters, NSF and CSU will provide scholarship money for those who have financial need. Students will be expected to enroll in at least eight hours of mathematics, science or computer science each semester. Special tutoring and other programs will continue throughout the year to ensure students' success.

Jack Briner, associate professor of computer science at CSU and principal investigator for the program, said, “This award represents national recognition of Charleston Southern University's computer science program.” CSU's computer science graduates have been so successful, Briner said, because “individualized attention is what can make the difference between succeeding and failing in college. CSU computer science classes are small – between 2 and 24 students. You cannot hide in a small class where the teacher knows your name.”

“With this grant,” Briner continued, “more students will be able to benefit from CSU's individualized attention and to be able to strengthen America's workforce after graduation.”

The funding will cover a period from September 1, 2004, through August 31, 2008. This will enable the participants to be tracked through the course of their college career. Overall impact of the program will seek to measure its effectiveness through exit interviews, postgraduation questionnaires, and employer evaluations.

First BOV breakfast *GREAT SUCCESS*



About 55 members of the board of visitors gathered August 6 for the first BOV Networking Breakfast. The breakfasts feature a speaker who addresses current business topics and the opportunity for BOV members to get to know one another better and make business contacts. The breakfasts were created in direct response to requests from members. The next breakfast will be Wednesday, February 4 with Dr. Al Parish as the speaker.

Continuing the



of generosity

By Susan Taylor

The dream needs your help!

The journey for Baptist College began with \$133,251 in pledges raised during the first fundraiser in 1960 at the Francis Marion Hotel. The need for fundraisers still exists, only today the University has to raise millions of dollars to keep the dream alive for current and future students. We're turning to you, our alumni community of more than 10,000, for help.

The Annual Fund helps support our mission with unrestricted gifts that provide resources for whatever CSU needs most. Everything from scholarships, to paying for new computers, to helping keep the lights on is covered through the Annual Fund, and your gifts are a huge part of the operating budget. This year we've divided the fund into the four areas of most critical need at the University – *The Loyalty Fund, Buccaneer Athletic Foundation, the Alumni Endowed Scholarship, and Unrestricted Scholarships*. **You may direct your Annual Fund dollars to any of the four critical need areas.**

The **Loyalty Fund** is the largest component of the Annual Fund, and it helps with any area the University needs: such as physical plant upkeep, the cable bill for eight residence halls, academic supplies and faculty and staff resources. Unrestricted gifts made through this fund are of critical need to CSU because they supplement the annual budget and allow funds to be used where needed most.

The **Buccaneer Athletic Foundation** has one purpose – to raise scholarship and operating funds for the total athletic program. We now have 17 Division I intercollegiate sports programs, and supporting this fund helps with scholarships, travel, equipment and facilities.

The **Alumni Endowed Scholarship** is one of the highlights within the Alumni Association. This scholarship is awarded each spring to a rising junior or senior who must compete with other students in the areas of academics, student leadership and University commitment.

The **Unrestricted Scholarship Fund** helps the 95 percent of CSU students who receive some sort of financial aid from the University. To provide opportunity to the most talented students regardless of parental support, the University must increase its financial aid resources. Your gift to this critical need area helps increase the amount of scholarships we can award to help all students.

Someone else's generosity probably helped lessen your load while you were in school. Those gifts were much appreciated when you were a student, so imagine

how a current student would feel if he or she knew that a contribution from an alumnus helped him or her with tuition, books, or even the cost of lab fees.

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SCHOOLTIES

{ CLASS NOTES }

Compiled by Jan Joslin '82

1969

Dr. John Harper is the superintendent of the Tift County School District in Tifton, Ga. He and his family relocated to Georgia six years ago and still have ties with Charleston Southern: their oldest son, Will, is a junior at CSU. John and his wife, Adena, are enjoying Tifton with their youngest sons: Seth, 12, and Shane, 11.

Brooks P. Moore retired on June 30 after 34 years in public education. He served 27 years as a principal, with his last assignment as principal of Rollings Middle School of the Arts in Summerville. He was selected a principal of the year finalist by the S.C. PTA for 2004 and administrator of the year in Dorchester District II by the Tri-County Counseling Association. Brooks lives in Hanahan and plans to do some consulting work.

1971

Charles R. Miller has been named operations director for the Town of Summerville. He was previously codes director for Dorchester County. In the new position, he oversees the daily operations of the engineering, streets, maintenance, building and planning and recreation departments.

1972

James H. Mizell retired as pastor of First Baptist Church in Walhalla on June 8. He writes, "After 40 years of pastoral ministry, I have been forced to retire due to health reasons. I relocated to Round O to be near my family. I am available for supply preaching in the tri-county area." Jim can be reached at jmiz@lowcountry.com.

1974

Bruce Owens was promoted to chief of police for Summerville on May 12. He served as assistant chief for six years. He has been an adjunct faculty member of the department of criminal justice since 1998.

1978

Dennis Erskine is activity therapist at John dela Howe School in Greenwood. His twin daughters are attending college: Karen is at Converse majoring in deaf education, and Kerri is at Anderson majoring in Christian ministries.

1980

Robert Byrd is director of missions for the Marion Baptist Association in Mullins.

1982

Mahaliah Bowman-Campbell received credentials as a certified public manager on May 24 in Columbia. The program was an 18-month study sponsored by S.C. Budget and Control and National Society of Public Managers. Mahaliah is a program director/mediator with the S.C. Department of Social Services and lives in Summerville.

1988

Anita W. Kuhn '95, has been named an account executive within the mortgage lending division of First Federal at First Federal's operations center in North Charleston. She was previously a branch manager with First Federal.

Yvonne Robinson Bunton and her husband, **Eddy '88**, announce the adoption of a son, Nathaniel Thomas Campbell Bunton, born June 23, 2003, and adopted June 5, 2004. Nate has two older brothers: Caleb, 11, and Jesse, 8. Eddy is minister to students at Burkemont Baptist Church in Morganton.

1989

Wanda Calvert earned a Ph.D. in elementary education from the University of South Carolina in spring 2004. She writes, "I am entering my second year as a faculty member in the Eugene T. Moore School of Education, in the department of early childhood and elementary education at Clemson University." She lives in Seneca.

1991

Jennifer Lynn Eippert and **Timothy Wayne Nix** were married April 3 in Charleston. He is employed by the Dorchester Department of Mental Health in Summerville. The couple lives in Charleston.

1992

Jolene Brummett Cleverly and her husband, Aaron, announce the birth of a daughter, Ariana Jolene, born Aug. 29 at Palmetto Baptist Medical Center in Columbia. Ariana weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Jolene is employed as an electronic data processing specialist with the S.C. Heart Center in Columbia. The Cleverlys live in Lugoff.

1995

Robin Reeves Heustess, a certified financial planner, has joined the certified public accounting and consulting firm of Gamble Givens & Moody LLC. She has more than 18 years in the financial services industry.

1996

Cathy Snead Powell and **Johnny L. "Trip" Causey III** were married April 4 in North Myrtle Beach. Trip is self-employed at TC's Landscaping in North Myrtle Beach.

Rhonda Sue Olney and **Adrian Lee Brown** were married July 24 in Myrtle Beach. He is a corporate accounts manager with Verizon. They live in Murrells Inlet.

1997

Alice Ross-Ryan and **Mike Ryan** are living in Summerville. Mike graduated in May from The Citadel with a master's in education, and Alice will graduate this fall from Sherman College with a doctor of chiropractic degree.

1999

Lisa Michelle Kluttz and **John Jeffrey King** were married July 10 in Columbia. Lisa is a teacher in Richland County School District Two. They live in Columbia.

2000

Dewey H. Carpenter writes, "I just finished a three-year residency in comparative cardiology at the University of Minnesota and have accepted a position as head cardiologist at the Veterinary Specialty Hospital of the Carolinas in Cary, N.C."

Desdemona Jensen writes, "I have been deployed to Germany in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, been here for the past year, near Heidelberg, home of the oldest university in Germany." She serves in the U.S. Army.



Did YOU miss your class reunion?

By Susan Taylor

The next issue of CSU Magazine will feature photos and articles from Homecoming Weekend 2004, and for the first time in quite a while we celebrated class reunions!

The following classes were highlighted at this year's Class Reunion Night luau and beach party on Friday, Oct. 22.

The Founders Class – alumni who graduated in the first classes. Approximately 270 alums make up this special group of the classes of 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970. Their next big recognition year will come in 2014, when these alumni become the first 50-year Golden Alumni.

The Classes of 1974 and 1979 celebrated their 25-year Silver Alumni anniversary. We know the Class of '74 is really celebrating 30 years; we're just trying to catch up with the classes that never had a 25th reunion. Both the Founders Class and the Silver Anniversary alumni received special commemorative gifts from the Association on their milestone anniversaries.

The Class of 1989 celebrated its 15-year anniversary. There was much to talk about during the reunion party – new homes, promotions, children, etc. The Maxx band from Atlanta played plenty of '80s music during the party and brought back lots of memories.

The Class of 1994 had its 10-year reunion and was one of the biggest groups to attend! And, not to be left out, the **Class of 1999** celebrated its 5-year young alumni reunion.

Next year, for Homecoming Weekend 2005, the following classes will celebrate reunions:

25-year Silver Alumni Anniversary – Classes of 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, and 1980

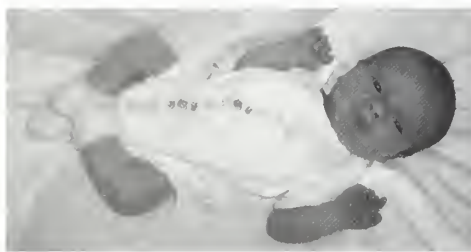
20-year Reunion – Class of 1985

15-year Reunion – Class of 1990

10 year Reunion – Class of 1995

5-year Young Alumni Reunion – Class of 2000

*Homecoming is usually the third weekend in October.
Make plans now to attend!*



▲ **Michelle Smith** and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of a daughter, Meredith Paige, on Aug. 3. Michelle teaches second grade at Goose Creek Primary in Goose Creek.

2001

▶ **Sally Harmon** and Bobby Lowery were married July 20 in Florida. Sally is teaching math at Airport High School in Columbia. The Lowerys live in Lexington.

Beverly Suzanne Massey and Tad Allen Wilhelm were married May 22 in Conway. Beverly is employed with the Horry County Sheriff's Office as a victim advocate.

Anna Tyson is a dental student at the Medical University of South Carolina and lives in Charleston.



Valerie Ward is a math teacher at Richland Northeast High School. She lives in West Columbia.

2002

Keith Collins '04 is a sales manager with Cingular Wireless and recently returned from a mission trip. He has plans to attend law school.

2003

Brandi Nichole Davis and William David Bridges II were married May 22 in Barnwell. She is employed by General Engineering Laboratories, and they live in Charleston.

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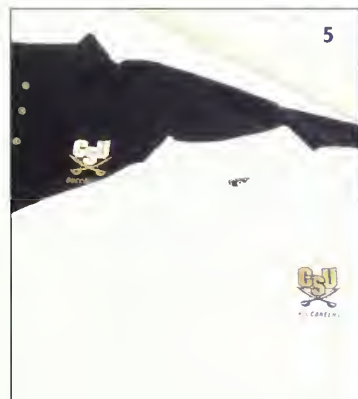
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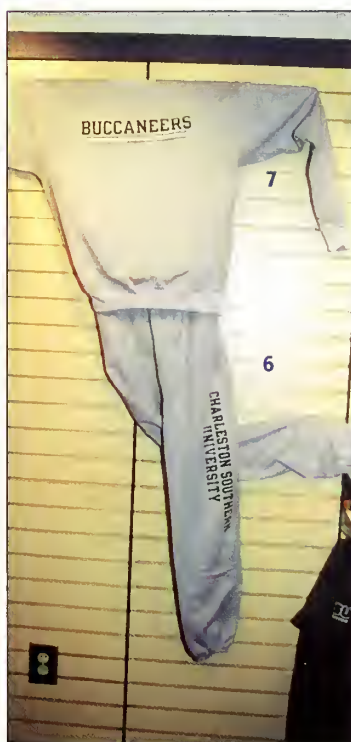
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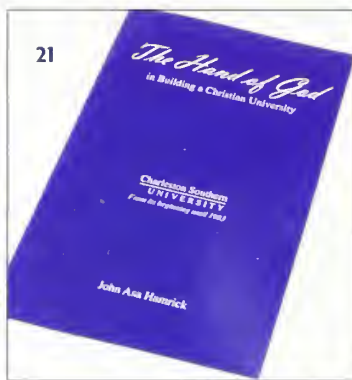


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It has been his purpose to write the history as objectively as possible, yet with personal insight in showing God's hand and guidance through many miracles in CSU's development. He testifies that his faith was strengthened greatly through this period, and the faith of others will also be strengthened through reading it. Alumni and friends will be enlightened on how this institution, which began as a dream, became a reality through God's hands and through dedicated Christian men and women.



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Amy Rebecca Duncan and **Timothy Aaron Fuller** were married Aug. 7 in Easley. She is a nurse with The Veteran's Hospital, and he is employed with the Greenville County Sheriff's Department. They live in Easley.

Tiffany Michelle Hinton and **Edward G. Semlitsch** were married June 25 in Hanahan. He is a police officer for the Hanahan Police Department, and they live in Hanahan.

George Karges Jr. has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the Charleston County Sheriff's Department. He has been in the criminal justice field for 14 years. George is the brother of Ann M. Watson, CSU's director of academic advising, and Dr. Linda Karges-Bone, CSU professor of education. He and his wife, Terri, live in Summerville with their two sons: Jordan and Tyler.

Tammi Lynn Mills and **Jonathan Galvez** were married June 19 in Goose Creek, where they are now living.

Sarah Elizabeth Vaughn and **Ashley Charles McGee** were married May 8 in Charleston. They live in Greenwood.

2004

Joelle Anderson and **William Baumgartner** were married May 2 on the beach at the Isle of Palms. She is a soon-to-be nurse at Duke Medical. They live in Clayton, N.C.

Angela Gail Dorsey and **Justin Leroy Higgins** were married May 15 in Givhans. He works for Volvo Rents. They live in Summerville.

Sarah Gardner is teaching English for Union County School District. She lives in Moore.

NOMINATION TIME FOR AWARDS

The CSUAA board sponsors six awards that recognize outstanding alumni and their achievements. Nominations for these awards are accepted throughout the year from several sources, including alumni, the board of trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and friends of the University. Each year the Nominations and Awards Committee handles the selection for the awards. Each winner is notified by a member of the committee, and awards are presented at either Alumni Weekend in the spring or Homecoming weekend in the fall.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

This is the most prestigious award given and is the hallmark of an alumnus who strives for excellence in all endeavors. It honors the person who has distinguished him or herself in three areas: service to the University, service to the community and achievement in his or her field of endeavor.

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Many of CSU's programs are directed toward community service, and our students embrace the opportunities to serve Christ through volunteer work. This award honors an alumnus who goes above and beyond the expectations of a community, church or nonprofit group and recognizes his or her personal sacrifice and exceptional volunteer service to a charitable organization.

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CSU's mission is promoting academic excellence in a Christian environment, and this award will go to the outstanding alumnus who exhibits the ideals and ethics of the University.

ALUMNUS SERVICE AWARD

Alumni who stay connected, volunteer and participate in association activities are eligible for this award. The Board wishes to honor and recognize an alumnus who has given outstanding service to the University and the Alumni Association or other alumni activity.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

To graduate students who are successful in their field of study – this is the wish of the faculty and staff for students. This award honors an alumnus who reflects honor on the University for exceptional achievement in his or her field of endeavor.

To nominate a fellow graduate, please e-mail alumni@csuniv.edu with the following criteria:

- Your Name
- Your phone number
- Name of person you're nominating
- Nominee's phone number
- Nominee's e-mail
- Please check the award(s) for which you'd like to nominate this person:
 - Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
 - Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year
 - Alumnus Community Service Award
 - University Mission Award
 - Alumnus Service Award
 - Outstanding Alumnus of the Year
- Write a brief explanation as to why you think this person deserves to be recognized by the CSUAA.

MEMORIALS

Rev. David Greene Anderson, age 88, died July 22 in Easley. A retired pastor, Anderson served two terms as a member of the board of trustees and was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1978. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 300 East First Avenue, Easley, SC 29640.

Deborah Carlton "Debbie" Aston '80 died Aug. 25 in Latta. She was a licensed professional social worker. Memorials may be made to Latta Baptist Church, the Latta Rescue Squad, Four Holes Baptist Church in Orangeburg, the Hollings Cancer Center of Charleston or the charity of one's choice.

William L. "Grumpy" Axson '69, age 61, died June 29 in Charleston. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of Vietnam and was sales manager for Clarey's Liquor Store. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5900 Core Road, Suite 504, North Charleston, SC 29406.

Renee Lewis Hartzog Barrineau '80, age 52, died June 9 in Goose Creek. She was a retired registered nurse.

Norma Jean Conzel, age 72, died Sept. 1 in Summerville. She was formerly employed by Aramark at CSU.

Merle Souter Doran, age 83, emeritus professor of library science, died July 7 in Tallahassee, Fla. She was head of reference and periodicals from 1970-1983 and was acting director of the library from Aug. 1983-May 1985. She also taught library science and children's literature courses. Memorials may be made to Tallahassee Animal Shelter, 1125 Easterwood Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311.

Woodrow Wilson Henderson Jr. '91, age 60, died June 9 in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was retired from the U.S. Navy, and was employed with Pinkerton Security at TVA in Chattanooga. Donations may be made to Suntrust Bank, 8644 E. Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421, Attention: Jennifer Clark.

Michael Arnold Mathewes Sr. '76, age 53, died July 11 in Kearneysville, W. Va. He was a retired regional manager for Scientific Instrumentation. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 636 West Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; or to Hospice of the Panhandle, 122 Waverly Court, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

Richard "Dick" Lynn Todd '85, age 55, died Aug. 13 in Lexington. He was an Air Force veteran of Vietnam and was a computer expert in software and programming. Memorials may be made to the Brain Tumor Foundation, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10019, or to Grace Baptist Church, 416 Denham Ave., West Columbia, SC 29169.

Monique Moretz-Sohn Hatton and Bradley Turner Perricelli were married May 22 in Hollywood, Fla. They live in Irmo.

Ivy Nicole Raxter and Lance Joseph Parrish were married Aug. 7 in Beaufort. Ivy is employed by Trident Hospital, and Lance is a student at CSU.

Kelly Michelle Seay and **Samuel James Crowe** were married July 31 in Myrtle Beach. Kelly is a third grade teacher at Harleyville-Ridgeville Elementary, and Samuel is youth minister at Doctor's Creek Baptist Church. They live in Walterboro.

Tiffany Melissa Sheridan and Patrick William Lawrence Norwood were married June 26 in Charleston. They live in North Charleston.



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JOHN HAMRICK

FOUNDING PRESIDENT DIES AT AGE 88

*T*he CSU family was saddened to learn of the death of our founding president, Dr. John A. Hamrick," said Dr. Jairy C. Hunter Jr., president. "We are grateful to Dr. Hamrick, the founding trustees and the South Carolina Baptist Convention for establishing the Baptist College at Charleston in 1964.

"Dr. Hamrick was a charismatic leader with a God-given purpose to develop a Christian college in the Lowcountry of South Carolina.

"I have enjoyed knowing Dr. Hamrick and valued his counsel and friendship. Numerous individuals have benefited because of his commitment and leadership to Christian higher education and to the University's mission of promoting academic excellence in a Christian environment.

"We grieve and pray with the Hamrick family in this time of loss and extend our deepest sympathies," said Hunter.

The Reverend Dr. John Asa Hamrick died Oct. 24 at his residence in Charleston. He served as CSU's first president and led the college from 1964, at its founding, until 1983.

In his book, "The Hand of God in Building a Christian University," published in 2003, Hamrick describes the early years of the school, known then as Baptist College at Charleston.

Prior to accepting the role of president at the University, Hamrick was pastor of The First Baptist Church of Charleston for 29 years. Hamrick founded the First Baptist Church Day School and served as school superintendent until 1969.

Throughout his life, he was active in community, state and national organizations. He was a cofounder of the South Carolina Baptist Historical Society, was president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 1951 and received numerous civic awards including the Order of the Palmetto from the governor of South Carolina in 1994.

Hamrick received a B.A. from the College of Charleston and a Th.B. and Th.M. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received honorary doctorates from Furman University and the Atlanta Law School.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church School, Dr. John A. Hamrick Scholarship or Dr. John A. Hamrick Lectureship, 48 Meeting St., Charleston, SC 29401 or Charleston Southern University, Dr. John Asa Hamrick Endowed Scholarship, P.O. Box 118087, Charleston, SC 29423.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

We have a couple of answers to the photos that ran in last magazine.

Of the picture on page 46, Mary Francese Buckner '69, said, "They are Scott Fisher and John David Stoudemire."

Mary has the distinction of being the first applicant to the University. She is currently minister of music and women's ministries at Spring Hill Baptist Church in Ruckersville, Va. She wrote, "We first students who came through CSU really have some tales to tell about our adventures when the school was young and fledgling. It is difficult at best to get us all together at Homecoming times because some of us are still working and very active in other parts of the country. Still, I often wish I had the time to get together with classmates from the past. Note, I did NOT say old classmates."

Phillip M. Kornet '70, writes that the girl on page 46, preparing for a beauty or talent contest, is Susan Riddle-Kornet '69. The Kornets live in Greenwood.

George E. Rauton, a member of the Board of Visitors, wrote that the middle trumpeter in the picture on the inside back cover is Duane Toole, who is a minister of music living in Midlothian, Va. Conducting the band members is Dr. David Cuttino.

Thanks to those who responded, and we hope the photos sparked some great memories!





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2004 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Preparing Graduates. Transforming Lives.



CHARLESTON
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MISSION

Promoting Academic Excellence in a Christian Environment

VISION

To achieve regional distinction as an institution of higher learning, with its primary emphasis on excellence in teaching, dedicated to the discovery and enrichment of talent within a broad spectrum of capable university students, endowing them with a Christian vision of life, and equipping them for significant leadership and service.

2003-2006 STRATEGIC GOALS

- 1 Enroll 3,000 traditional and nontraditional students, increase retention, and enhance career planning and placement.
- 2 Promote a Christian vision of life that encourages and equips students, faculty, and staff for service and leadership, enhancing opportunities for prayer, evangelism, discipleship, and missions.
- 3 Develop and implement an integrated marketing and branding program that projects the distinctives of the University.
- 4 Enhance academic quality and learning opportunities by emphasizing faculty development, integration of faith and discipline, student internships/experiential learning, integration of technology and instruction, cultural diversity/interaction with minority faculty and students, global education, and graduation rates.
- 5 Offer academic programs designed primarily to meet the educational needs of working adults at on-campus and off-campus sites using both traditional and alternative instructional delivery systems.
- 6 Provide leadership for all out-of-classroom student experiences, maximizing student-learning activities by integrating the University's Life Preparation Concepts of leadership, Christian values and ethics, service, communication, and wellness.
- 7 Provide for campus technology that assures competitiveness in instruction, promotes increasingly efficient administrative services, and enhances student success.
- 8 Provide a competitive NCAA Division I athletic program in compliance with NCAA guidelines, enhancing the academic, emotional, and spiritual development of the University's student-athletes.
- 9 Construct and upgrade campus facilities essential to support the University's goals and objectives.
- 10 Secure the resources required to accomplish all of the University's goals and objectives.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Twenty years have gone by since Sissy and I first came to Charleston Southern. As I look out of the windows in my office, I see so much that has changed since our arrival here in 1984. There are new buildings, more students and faculty members, more trees, and certainly more cars going by on University Boulevard.

Today, Charleston Southern University enrolls almost 3,000 students and has an endowment of \$12 million – no small accomplishment, considering the long road we have traveled. In the fall of 1984, CSU was struggling to survive. In 2004, Charleston Southern is thriving. We have a diverse and vibrant student body; our faculty and staff members are outstanding Christian leaders; we offer a wide range of academic programs; our athletic teams are competing at the NCAA Division I level; and our campus continues to expand, with construction currently in progress on a 54,000-square-foot science facility and other campus improvements soon to begin.

Most importantly, Charleston Southern is preparing graduates for life. Our five Life Preparation Concepts are being integrated into our programs and activities. Through these concepts of communication, leadership, service, values and ethics, and wellness, we are equipping Christian leaders for the 21st century. This report illustrates just a few of the ways we are focusing on those concepts.

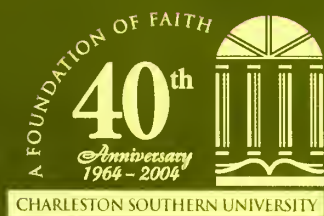
The physical aspects of CSU's progress over the past 20 years are important stepping stones toward our future as a liberal arts university of distinction. But let us remember that our students, and their impact on this world, are Charleston Southern's legacy. As always, we thank you for your friendship and support as we continue in this exciting endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jairy C. Hunter, Jr.

President

Charleston Southern University





The term communication refers primarily to the exchange of ideas orally, visually, or in writing. People associated with a Christian institution should concern themselves with ethical and practical qualities of communication. They should dedicate themselves to an ideal which stresses not only clarity and persuasiveness, but also accuracy and truth. Effective communication should take place in the classroom, within the University family, and between the University and the public.

BellSouth Student Success Center Increases Retention by Sarah Huxford

Some students arrive at Charleston Southern with communication skills already well mastered. Others may still need to learn those skills, or may have special needs requiring the attention of faculty and staff members. The solution to this issue, for CSU, was the BellSouth Student Success Center.

"Through the University's strategic planning process back in 1997, CSU identified that we had a problem with retaining freshmen," explains Dr. Mary Gene Ryan, dean of student success. "We were able to renovate the former Lingle Theatre space into what is now the

Student Success Center," she adds. An in-kind corporate donation allowed the BellSouth Student Success Center to open its doors on July 15, 1997. Part of the University's enrollment management division, the Center has under its umbrella the Learning Center, the Testing Center, academic advising, veterans' affairs and student-athlete success programs.

The Center's purpose, according to its mission statement, is to "provide a coordinated program of academic and advising services designed to retain greater numbers of capable students through to graduation." In fact, the University's freshman-to-sophomore retention rate has risen to 76 percent since the Center was founded. "Since its inception, the BellSouth Student Success Center has helped thousands of CSU students with academic and personal issues," states Ryan.

Debbie Williamson, vice president for enrollment management, says, "Through the many programs and academic services provided by the Center, we have been able to retain and graduate a greater number of capable students and equip them with the skills they need to be successful, well-rounded individuals." Ryan agrees, adding that

"the Center has certainly had an impact on the improved retention rate, but the improvement has been very much a group effort by the entire faculty, staff and administration."

The Center teaches Charleston Southern's students about communication in a variety of ways. The Learning Center, directed by Brenda Hanna, provides lab space and peer tutoring, as well as learning skills, writing skills and content-area consultations with trained professionals. The Learning Center also offers a lecture series on specific skills. "Student tutors are trained to become good communicators and teachers in



Christie Faircloth-Dixon meets with student-athletes for counseling, academic advising and progress checks to ensure NCAA eligibility.



Dr. Mary Gene Ryan takes BellSouth regional director Ted Creech on a tour of the BellSouth Student Success Center in September 2004

Annie Watson, director of academic advising, meets with a student in the BellSouth SSC



order to help their fellow students become better learners,” explains Ryan.

Christie Faircloth-Dixon, student-athlete success coordinator, works with the University’s student-athletes and their coaches, arranging for counseling, academic advising, study halls and progress checks as necessary. The University is thereby helping its student-athletes ensure that their eligibility for competitive play is maintained. Ryan says, “Regular and straightforward communication about student-athletes’ out-of-class commitments and academic requirements helps them to perform better both in the classroom and on the field.” In 2002, the most recent data available, student-athlete retention had increased to 81 percent.

The Student Success Center also helps students with disabilities and other special needs complete the necessary steps to receive special needs accommodations. “Once special needs accommodations are awarded to a student, our office informs professors about any special needs students in their classes each semester,” says Ryan.

Annie Watson, Lori Ayre and Tracy Anderson supervise academic advising as part of the Center’s team. Ryan explains, “We communicate with all new students during the summer to see to it that they are all registered for classes and receive the proper orientation materials. We also communicate with all continuing students throughout the year to remind them about important dates

and deadlines. We communicate regularly with the faculty advisors to inform them about new policies and issues related to academics. Through our ‘Early Alert’ system, we communicate regularly with the faculty members and the students to resolve issues that prevent students from succeeding in their classes.”

The Testing Center, staffed by Raynelle Odom and Cam Daniels, “serves the needs of both faculty and students by administering examinations outside of class time,” according to Ryan. “Effective communication is a must to ensure that we administer the exams exactly as the professor wishes.” Odom also supervises veterans’ affairs, ensuring that students receive and are aware of the benefits for which they are eligible.

Finally, Ryan directs the Freshman Seminar program. “This program facilitates communication between freshmen and their faculty advisors,” she elaborates, “helping them to develop lasting relationships and progress academically toward graduation.”

What is the plan for the future of the Student Success Center? Ryan says, “We would like to incorporate a space for study hall, a bigger testing center, and an office space for the veterans’ affairs coordinator to meet privately with students.” The Center’s vision statement asserts that by 2010, it will “grow into a dynamic organization that will help retain and graduate greater numbers of capable students who will continue to grow throughout their Christian, student and academic lives, developing into well-rounded individuals who can contribute meaningfully to their communities.”

Lori Ayre helps a student choose his course schedule during an academic advising session.



According to Williamson, the Center is already making progress toward that vision. “The BellSouth Student Success Center has been an outstanding resource for our entire campus community,” she says. “As evidenced by the increase in our freshman retention rate from 56 percent in 1995 to 77 percent today, we are well on our way to reaching these goals.” The Center’s team received further recognition for their hard work in spring 2004, when they received the staff Team of the Year Award for the University.

Through promoting the concept of clear, persuasive, accurate and true communication, Charleston Southern is preparing its graduates for life – in a world in which communication often moves at lightning speed. And through programs like the Student Success Center, the University is ensuring that those graduates will leave CSU possessing the “ethical and practical” qualities of communication necessary for impacting our society in a positive way.

RETENTION RATE

1995

56%

2003

77%

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%



Leadership is the ability to motivate self and others to the accomplishment of goals within ethical boundaries, using skills such as motivation, persuasion, analytical thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving, and characteristics such as interpersonal skills, openness, sensitivity, and self-knowledge.

▶ Dr. and Mrs. Hunter with Gov. and Mrs. Mark Sanford.

From Dropout to President by Mollie Gore

Editor's note: In celebration of Dr. Hunter's 20 years of service to Charleston Southern, we are reprinting this article chronicling his journey toward the presidency of the University. It was originally written upon the occasion of Dr. Hunter receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Wingate University.



Dr. Hunter as a freshman at Wingate in 1960.

"This is a second-chance success story," said Dr. Jairy C. Hunter Jr., president of Charleston Southern University.

A nationally known speaker and consultant on higher education leadership and strategic planning, Hunter still remains true to his passion: teaching, mentoring and helping individuals achieve their full potential. Hunter is a faculty member at the Snowmass Strategic Management Institute for CEOs in Colorado. He also teaches professional development courses at the Summer Management Institute at the University of Kentucky and the University of California, Santa Barbara. Hunter is frequently invited by college presidents to assist their organizations in

developing a strategic plan in preparation for an accreditation visit.

There was a time, though, when Hunter couldn't even get into college, let alone a college president's office.

It was 1966, and Hunter had just made perhaps the most foolhardy decision of his young life. He was attending college classes at night while holding a stressful, full-time position during the day. So he quit his day job, planning to enroll full-time at the University of South Carolina-Lancaster in the fall.

Hunter's college career had been slow in starting. He first enrolled at Wingate University in 1960, fresh from high school and planning to try out for the football team. The college entry was a last-minute decision, so he didn't take the typical college preparatory courses as a high school student. Then, he didn't make the football team. Unprepared and uninspired, Hunter dropped out after his freshman year with a mere 1.2 GPA and joined the military.

Some years later, Hunter found himself on the fast track at Clark Controller Manufacturing Co. in Lancaster, S.C. He received several promotions and ended up in a professional position in the order department. However, his boss advised him that without a college degree, growth opportunities would be mini-

mal. Hunter returned to school, taking night classes as a probationary student at the nearby USC-Lancaster.

Impatient with the slow pace of night school, Hunter made the fateful decision to resign his position at the company and attend school full-time during the day. But USC-Lancaster denied him admission. His academic provisional status ended with a 1.94 GPA, which was just short of the 2.0 GPA he needed.

Out of work and out of luck, Hunter – at the advice of his wife Sissy – decided to travel to Wingate and make a personal appeal to then-president Dr. Budd E. Smith and Mr. John A. Cox, Jr., director of admissions. "These two men listened intently and encouraged me to put my case in writing to the admissions appeals committee," said Hunter. The appeal worked, and he was admitted for one semester on a probationary basis. Hunter promised Smith and Cox they wouldn't regret giving him a second chance.

Hunter passed the probationary period, attending Wingate during the day and working in the evenings at an auto body shop. He and Sissy added a son to the family with the birth of Jairy III that November. He also attended tutoring sessions in math and science classes, and after a year and a summer of classes, he graduated with honors from

Wingate in 1967, earning an associate's degree. Dr. Smith even invited Hunter to share his story at commencement.

That fall he was admitted into Appalachian State University's bachelor's degree program, receiving a full academic scholarship. He and his family moved to Boone, N.C., and in his typical fashion, Hunter pursued his degree while operating several small businesses. In 1969 he graduated from Appalachian State with a bachelor of science degree in business, magna cum laude. In 1970, Hunter earned a master's degree in student personnel and counseling. The following year daughter Jill was born, and he received a second master's degree – this time in business.

That year, in fact, was a pivotal one: Hunter accepted the position as assistant to the president and full-time faculty

member at Blue Ridge Community College in Hendersonville, N.C. He kept his businesses in Boone – but returned the following year to prepare them for sale. He had found his calling in higher education –

encouraging and developing students to reach their full potential, just as Dr. Smith, Mr. Cox, and the Wingate family had done for him. "I realized that God's plan for my life is to help individuals like myself find purpose and a profession that they enjoy," Hunter said.

In 1972, Hunter accepted a position at Appalachian State as director of student support services and assistant professor of business. He enrolled in a doctoral program at Duke University in

1973, and earned a Ph.D. in educational administration in 1977. His career path took him to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he was vice president for administration at Broward Community College, and to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington as vice chancellor for business and development, as well as assistant professor of accounting.

Hunter accepted the position of president at Charleston Southern University in 1984, at a point when the Baptist College at Charleston, as it was then known, was on the verge of closing because of financial difficulties. Applying principles he learned in his own businesses – and those he learned in the classrooms at Wingate and other institutions – he successfully steered the University through those most difficult times. CSU has continued to grow, enrolling nearly 3,000 students today – almost double the number enrolled when Hunter began his presidency. There is no doubt that his life and educational experiences successfully prepared him for a lifetime of leadership and service.



Dr. Hunter enjoying the view from the sidelines at a Buc football game.



Dr. and Mrs. Hunter and their two children, Jairy III and Jill, are pictured here at the dedication of the Hunter Reception Center. The funds for the Center were raised in Hunter's honor by friends of the family in his hometown of Lancaster, S.C.



Dr. and Mrs. Hunter were among the first to help break ground on the University's new science facility in October 2003.

The Benefits of Stability

Long-term presidents increasingly rare in higher education

by Sarah Huxford

What qualities should the ideal college president possess? Many people cite such characteristics as integrity, ambition, focus, intelligence and, most of all, leadership. There is no question that leadership is an essential trait for a college or university president, and one would be hard pressed to name a successful president who does not embody this concept. Leadership, as defined by CSU, includes the ability to motivate self and others to the accomplishment of goals within ethical boundaries. Most college presidents can do that, and can do it quite well. But very few can exemplify leadership continuously for more than 20 years.

In fact, very few college presidents even last that long in their positions. According to the American Council on Education, college presidents serve for an average of 6.6 years today – slightly less at public institutions, and very slightly more at private institutions. Less than ten percent of American college presidents have served for more than 15 years.

With the beginning of the 2004-2005 academic year, Jairy C. Hunter Jr. surpasses the 20-year mark of his presidency

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Charleston Southern's *First Lady*

by Sarah Huxford

"I would like to see the endowment grow over the next decade, so that more students can be afforded scholarships. ... Someone once said that the only thing you take with you when you leave this world is that which you give away. There is no better way to help a worthy student and to be remembered for good deeds than to invest in a university's endowment."

— Sissy Hunter, in a 1999 CSU article

When Charleston Southern hired Jairy Hunter as president in 1984, it's unlikely that many people knew the University was getting not one, but two great leaders in the process. Carolyn Killen "Sissy" Hunter has served as CSU's first lady for 20 years, working closely with President Hunter to increase the University's profile in fund- and friend-raising activities in denominational, corporate and philanthropic communities. She is responsible for planning and implementing programs for the spouses of board members during meetings, as well as helping to oversee the President's Club Dinner. "The old saying 'behind every successful man is a special lady' holds true here, as they truly work as a team for the good of CSU," says Gloria Thiem, friend and former trustee of the University. John Ramsey '73, president of the board of visitors and chairman and CEO of Diamond Hill Plywood

Company, adds, "I appreciate the value of the husband and wife partnership the Hunters have in leading our University. Sissy is an excellent first lady."

From the beginning, Mrs. Hunter has played an active role in helping improve the University's image. "When they entertained and we had no silver platters, Sissy would bring her own from home," recalls Thiem of those difficult years in CSU's financial history. "I would say, 'Why don't you rent them?' And she would say she would just pay for things out of her grocery money, because the college could not afford it and she wanted the college to look good, also."

Born Carolyn Ann Killen in Lancaster, S.C., Mrs. Hunter graduated magna cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1985 with a bachelor of arts degree in early childhood education. In 1987, she earned a master of education degree from CSU, with an emphasis in middle school language arts.

In 1999, her family and friends established the Carolyn Killen Hunter Outstanding Christian Teacher Endowed Scholarship and Award in honor of her unselfish service to the University and her background as an elementary school teacher. The same year, Mrs. Hunter received an honorary doctor of education degree from Charleston Southern, in recognition of her dedicated leadership and service-oriented approach to the University and its many constituencies. She is a charter member of the Women's Auxiliary Advisory Council and the Buccaneer Club, and serves on the Buc Club's board of directors. Mrs. Hunter has been active in the Summerville Baptist Church, Greater Charleston Rotary Auxiliary, Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Flowertown Garden Club, and Pine Forest Ladies Golf Association in Summerville, to name just a few.

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at Charleston Southern. His leadership skills have brought the University from trying times to a period of unequalled success. "After serving three terms on the board of trustees under Dr. Hunter's leadership, I have seen a tremendous move forward in all phases of our campus," says Gloria Thiem, a former trustee. From the beginning, Hunter's dream was for the institution to become one of the best Christian colleges in the country. He presented to the board a three-phased strategic plan to achieve this vision. His first two years focused on surviving and "getting us 'out of the red' financially," said Thiem. By the third year, the college experienced a turnaround in enrollment and gifts. By 1990, the institution was financially stable, had achieved university status and was moving toward excellence. More recently, Charleston Southern has been recognized by Institutional Research and Evaluation, Inc., an independent research and consulting organization, as one of America's Best Christian Colleges® – for the sixth consecutive year.

Interestingly, more than 60 percent of college presidents in the United States have some work experience outside of higher education. Charleston Southern, for example, has certainly benefited from Hunter's business sense. As a former owner of several small businesses, he was quickly able to get to the root of the University's financial problems and determine a clear vision for the University. In her article "Staying Power," first published in "The Chronicle of Higher Education," Julianne Basinger asserts that "the reasons for presidents' longevity are highly individual. In some cases, they have led their college through a wrenching change, and are viewed as being almost synonymous with the college's identity."

Having led CSU through financial difficulties, significant growth and expansion, and even a name change, it is certainly safe to say that Hunter's personality is associated with that of this institution. Trustee Ken Evans, former president and CEO of Armoral Products, says, "Dr. Hunter's rare combination of

vision, leadership and effective operational management has, under God's hand, guided Charleston Southern University to 20 years of successively greater achievements which, for most, would remain undreamed and undone."

Hunter is known for his relentless drive to recruit friends, donors and personnel who have a passion for Christian higher education. Thiem recalls a Christmas drop-in the Hunters attended at her house: "Before they left, they had talked to everyone there about CSU. He even convinced an alum to sign up for the board of visitors."

Anyone who knows the Hunters would agree that their dedication to the University has been unwavering since their arrival on campus. "Having one team at the wheel of this ship for the past

20 years has been a blessing not only to me, but to all those involved with the University. They have shown us all by example how to work together for the betterment of the University, while putting God first in their lives," says Thiem. Rev. Rob Pierce '85, chairman of the Ministers' Support Network, says that "CSU has come a long way since I graduated in 1985. Under Dr. Hunter's

leadership the school is moving in the right direction spiritually, academically and in the professional arena."

In an age when college presidencies are typically short-lived, it is a blessing to have a president who has weathered the storms of higher education leadership for more than two decades, and a first lady equally as loyal and hardworking. Evans says, "Dr. and Mrs. Hunter serve as worthy role models who, by placing paramount the person and principles of Christ, have in both their professional and personal lives enriched the University through diligent, consistent service." Dr. Joe Wren, chairman of CSU's board of trustees, adds, "Dr. and Mrs. Hunter are totally dedicated to building an excellent Christian university. The Hunters are highly respected in their church and in civic and professional circles. Our institution is fortunate to be led by a family with such a passion for serving the Lord and the University."



Dr. and Mrs. Hunter on the day she received an honorary doctorate from CSU.

Though she has said she considers herself to be a "behind the scenes" person, Mrs. Hunter's busy schedule and many commitments prove her to be an active force in the development of Charleston Southern. Susan Johnson '70, chair of the Women's Auxiliary Advisory Council, said, "Sissy is always promoting and building positive relationships and doing whatever is needed to enhance the image of Charleston Southern University."

Proverbs 31:30 says, "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Over the past twenty years, Sissy Hunter's selfless dedication to serving Charleston Southern has demonstrated her love for the Lord – and the University is blessed to have her as part of its family.



A proud Dr. Hunter shows off Margaret, one of his two granddaughters.



SERVICE

Service is the giving of one's time and energy in order to benefit the Charleston Southern University family or the community at large.

◀ The team ministers to the local community at the new mission center, now under construction.

Students work and minister in Romania

by Katie E. Lee '05

This summer, while many college students were basking on the shores of beaches across America, seven very special students were working 18-hour days in a seemingly forgotten corner of the world. Amber Attridge '04, Jaime Fitton '05, Melissa Little '06, Michelle Lovins '04, Johnnie Lee Malone '06 and Jennifer Naylor '06, along with Caroline Lane, a student from the College of Charleston, flew 6,000 miles over 27 hours to Campulung, Romania, a small city located in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, in order to dedicate their time and talents to Romanian orphans and to the community in which they live.

The project was first organized when Dr. David Naylor, professor of sociology and chair of the behavioral sciences department, and Dr. Charles Smedley, associate professor of sociology, wanted to create an independent research project that would not only offer a study-abroad experience, but would also be a mission trip open to students of various majors. When they happened to learn about a young missionary named Rebecca Graham and her organization, called the Romanian Harvest Foundation, they knew they had found the perfect ministry with which to help. Thus, the first organized trip to eastern Europe by Charleston Southern University was born.

The vision of the Harvest Foundation is "to strive to stop the injustice of the orphan children in Romania...to stop the progression of starvation; physically, mentally, and spiritually...to build and manage a Mission Centre comprised of a children's home, working farm, education and career-training facility, and job and home placement." But, the Foundation's "ultimate goal" is "to reach these children for Christ, train them in the admonition of the Lord, give them hope for the future, send them out to reach their country for our Lord and



The CSU mission team feeds a meal to orphans at Scoala 16.

Savior, Jesus Christ, and to help them become productive citizens." The organization is run entirely on volunteer labor.

Each student who went on the trip had to pay her own way, requiring each to raise \$2,000. While Charleston Southern provided a small grant to each of the young women, they completely relied on donations in order to pay the difference. Melissa Little, a religion major, began collecting donations early last year and raised more than \$5,000. With the extra money she earned, Little made a generous donation to the new orphanage facility, currently under construction.

The mission center/orphanage that is now being built will eventually house



◀ CSU student Melissa Little '06 with an orphan from Scoala 16.

The CSU group attended a local Baptist church in Romania, Bisecira Crestina Baptista Betania, and led a portion of the worship service.

A new mission center is currently under construction.



approximately 85 children, the sole custody of each being given to the ministry. The new center will provide adequate health care, dental care, a chapel for worship, a sports ministry, and an education facility in which Graham will teach computer skills, gardening, pottery-making, and baking classes. She also hopes that the children will learn to make their own bread that they will be able to sell for a profit.

Each young woman who went on the trip was able to use her major as well as her talents to contribute to the growth of the ministry. Michelle Lovins was the only graduate student who participated in the trip. She is currently working toward her MBA, and agreed to set up a business plan for the organization, a project she is continuing to work on throughout the year. Amber Attridge, a communications major who now works for WCBD-TV, Channel 2, in Charleston, did a tremendous amount of public relations for the organization, making several television appearances as well as newspaper and radio statements. Other academic fields included nursing, political science, sociology, religion, and business. Each student had to select a topic dealing with social change in Romania and design her independent research project around that specific subject and her major.

The team did a number of projects while in Romania – many for which they did not plan. They boarded the airplane thinking that they would be working in

TO ALL NATIONS: CSU GLOBAL MISSIONS

Over 100 students, faculty and staff did service and mission work across the world this year.

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Romania	Ghana
England	Costa Rica
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two orphanages, as well as helping with numerous construction projects. Instead, most of their time was spent helping Rebecca Graham gain attention from the local government officials and the public at large. When asked about the sudden change in plans, Smedley said, "Things worked out for us over and over again. God had other plans and opened doors."

Their experiences in the two orphanages seemed to impact the group the most. "You can't imagine the living conditions," said Naylor, "It's just so primitive... awful." The children wear all of their clothes at one time for fear that the few articles they own will be stolen from them. They even hide their food. "The water is turned off

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CSU Students Serve as Interns at Student Leadership University

By Katie E. Lee '05

Four Charleston Southern students were chosen as interns for the Student Leadership University held this summer in Orlando, Florida, and led by CSU alumnus Dr. Jay Strack '75. Faith Bafford '06, Corey Humphries '05, Priscilla Johnson '06 and Kim Kennedy '05 were chosen by Dr. Rick Brewer, vice president for planning and student affairs, and others, including Strack's daughter, a director of the SLU program.

According to Brewer, "CSU and the Student Leadership University jointly select four interns to serve on the summer staff annually. [They] encourage students who currently exhibit qualities of Christian leadership on and off campus to apply, and from that group, determine finalists and alternates for the four select intern positions."

The students spent seven weeks in Florida and "assisted with every component of the Student Leadership University's summer program, including, but not limited to, mentoring, monitoring, developing relationships with, and ministering to students in their assigned groups," said Brewer. According to Clark Carter, CSU's campus minister, the students who attend the conference come from all over the world in order to participate. The interns had the opportunity to work closely with Strack and some of the most influential Christian leaders in today's business world and ministry circles. Each student received three hours of course credit for the completion of the program.

The selection process for 2005 summer interns will begin in January. Students who are interested in applying should contact Rick Brewer at 843-863-7503 or Clark Carter at 843-863-7218.



VALUES & ETHICS

By "values," this institution advocates those qualities expressed by Christ when he taught, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind... (and) your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39). Charleston Southern takes these "greatest commandments" to include a life of faith in word and action, a reverence for God's creation and for the diversity of mankind, respect for all God's gifts – including the gift of selfhood, and concern for individuals living in a community that seeks to appreciate justice, truth, and beauty. "Ethics" is defined as a capacity and an inclination to learn about, and to deliberately choose, the behavior that reflects the values of a Christian community.

◀ Students gather on Wednesday evenings to worship together at "Elevate."

Elevate: Coming Together for Worship *by Sarah Huxford and Ashley Rudolph '07*

In recent years, Charleston Southern's midweek worship experiences have been divided by denomination, with Baptist Collegiate Ministries' "Halftime" weekly worship service drawing the largest crowds. But Clark Carter '87, CSU's campus minister, felt that fall 2004 was the time to make a change. "God has blessed our campus with many effective and strong ministries," says Carter. "Hundreds of students are involved weekly in the various ministries on campus. However, for the past two years, students have been coming into my office and asking for more opportunities to worship and serve the Lord together."

"Elevate," now held each Wednesday night at 8 in the cafeteria, brings all denominations together for the unifying purpose of worship. "Baptist Collegiate Ministries will have the greatest responsibility [for Elevate], since we are a South Carolina Baptist school," says Carter. "But this is

about the Kingdom, not one particular ministry group."

Elevate serves as a common ground, a place where each denominational ministry can integrate and worship as one group. Though the format remains much the same as Halftime, the main difference between the two ministries lies in the renewed purpose.

The name Elevate was chosen for three reasons. "We want to elevate Christ, elevate commitment and elevate compassion," says Carter. "What will change our world is the love of Christ flowing through us."

Mark Rhodes '07, a regular at Halftime his first year at CSU, believes the change is necessary to keep worship from becoming routine, rather than sincere and meaningful. In agreement with the new mission, Rhodes observes, "Too often we separate instead of coming under the banner. We are all there to worship – having

more people only makes it better." Chris Atkinson '06, a member of the praise band for Elevate, hopes that through this ministry, "Personal dreams and priorities would fall to the wayside as God reveals Himself."

Elevate's weekly studies "revolve around themes that are important to students," says Carter. "We will have a special guest lead Elevate about once a month." Fall special guests included Jami Smith, Voddie Baucham and Dave Edwards.

Team leaders have the opportunity to shepherd groups of approximately 10 students. These leaders are drawn from all of the various ministry groups at CSU, including Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Campus Outreach, Campus Crusade for Christ and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The reformatting of this midweek worship experience ties in closely with CSU's concept of values and ethics. "Life

Campus Ministries by the Numbers 2003-2004

3,559: number of high school students who participated in Lifeway's Mission-Fuge camps on the CSU campus

32: number of M-Fuge participants who made first-time professions of faith

207: number of M-Fuge participants who made rededication decisions

19: number of M-Fuge participants who experienced calls to vocational ministry

177: number of churches from across the nation who participated in M-Fuge

What are we trying to accomplish in Elevate?

Elevate Christ: He is the One we have come to worship... He is the main attraction every week. If we lift Him up, He will draw people to Himself. [John 3:14]

Elevate Commitment: We are to live one mission. We are to live for Jesus, period. We are to put aside our selfish desires, identify with Him daily and walk with Him. [Luke 9:23-24]

by Clark Carter '87, CSU campus minister

Elevate Compassion: What will change our world is the love of Christ flowing through us. After all, it is the love that God has for us that compels us to love others. God's love will change the world. [2 Corinthians 5:14-15]

is all about relationships," explains Carter. "Our most important relationship is with the One who created us, saved us and loves us completely, Jesus Christ. As our love grows for God, we begin to love the things that God loves... and God loves people. So what God values becomes valuable to us!"

"What Would Jesus Do" becomes more than a slogan, but rather a way of life," Carter continues. "This is values and ethics training at its best. At Elevate, we focus on our relationship with God and people. We do this through creative worship, practical ministry, warm fellowship, passionate prayer and biblical instruction."

So far, Elevate has been quite successful, averaging more than 200 students each week. "We have had a wonderful spirit of cooperation and unity," says Carter. "There is a sense that God is doing something new and special in our midst. We are having a blast!"

As a Christian institution, CSU's greatest imperative is to expose its students, faculty and staff to the love of God. Campus ministries events like Elevate are crucial in enabling the University to do just that. "I pray that this campus will see that the most important thing in life is having a relationship with God," Carter says, when asked how Elevate will impact the CSU campus. "As we elevate Him, our commitment to Him will grow. As our commitment to Him grows, our love for Him and others will spill out of the cafeteria and into a world that desperately needs Jesus."



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\$61,000: amount raised by M-Fuge participants for international mission causes

53: number of known professions of faith on M-Fuge ministry sites in the Charleston area

103: number of CSU students who accepted Christ as their personal Savior

95: number of CSU students who rededicated their lives to Christ

Students work and minister in Romania *continued from page 7*

every night at 11 p.m. by the city officials," said Naylor, "and there are many times when they go without power for hours." Nearly all of the children are developmentally impaired, physically impaired, or were victims of abuse. The buildings in which they live look years older than they actually are; they are run-down and in dire need of repair. Open sewer lines even run through the basements of the structures. "They have incredible needs that they just don't have the resources for... We were well-intentioned amateurs coming into the project," said Smedley.

When asked about their most memorable moment while on the trip, Naylor and Lovins told the story of a 14-year-old boy named Danielle (pronounced "Daniel") at the orphanage for handicapped children. "His entire life had been spent in a crib," said Lovins. "He was 14, but he was about the size of a three or four-year-old, and he could not talk." His skin was burned from the radiator that was near his crib, and he was nothing but skin and bones. "He was huddled in a semifetal position and he could only grab your finger," said Naylor. "He was clutching and grabbing for attention...for touch. Michelle and I just sat with him and held his hands." Because the orphanages are so understaffed, there are only four or five caretakers for approximately 40 children. Many children like Danielle live their entire lives in conditions such as these.

"I think all of the students developed a better appreciation for what they have, and their Christianity became truly meaningful," said Smedley. "I don't think any of us are the same person now as when we left."

When asked if they will be taking another trip soon, Naylor, Smedley, and Lovins all smiled. "We leave May 15th."

For more information concerning this trip or future study-abroad experiences, the Behavioral Sciences Department, or the Romanian Harvest Foundation, please contact Dr. David Naylor at (843) 863-7154 (dnaylor@csuniv.edu) or Dr. Charles Smedley at (843) 863-7138 (csmedley@csuniv.edu).



Wellness is not merely the absence of disease, but the proper balance among a person's physical, mental, emotional, social, spiritual, and environmental health, which results in the ability of each person to live most effectively within his or her potentialities.

Mixson Scholarship puts nursing endowment over goal of \$500,000 *by Sarah Huxford*

Charleston Southern's Derry Patterson Wingo School of Nursing opened its doors in 1995, with only a small number of students admitted to the program. Just three students made up the first graduating class. Nearly ten years later, there are 76 students currently pursuing a bachelor of science degree in nursing. More than 160 are in prenursing courses, hoping to gain admittance to the highly competitive program.

A nursing school is an expensive proposition, thanks to the high costs of technology and equipment and the low student-to-faculty ratio required for

accreditation by the national nursing organization. "Education is expensive for all students, but especially for nursing students," explained Dr. Marian Larisey, dean of the School of Nursing, at a recent scholarship luncheon.

Yet CSU is dedicated to educating caring, Christian nurses; the University boasts the only accredited, four-year nursing degree program at a private university in South Carolina. "Nursing history is rooted in Christianity," says Larisey, commenting on the natural fit between CSU's mission and a nursing education program.

John Arce '05, on active duty with the United States Navy, was accepted into



Dr. Marian Larisey, dean of the Derry Patterson Wingo School of Nursing, introduces John Arce '05, president of the National Student Nurses' Association, at a recent nursing scholarship luncheon.

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Joyce and Frank Mixson Nursing Endowed Scholarship

the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program (MCEP). The program allows enlisted sailors the opportunity to become commissioned officers by earning an entry-level degree at an accredited school of nursing. Those accepted into the program must pay their own educational expenses. "There is no other profession that offers such diversity and depth of caring for people in need," Arce said in explaining his decision to pursue nursing. He contacted CSU for more information, and was surprised when Larisey herself answered the phone. He

Melissa Cash '05, a nursing student, participated in an externship at Texas Children's Hospital this summer.

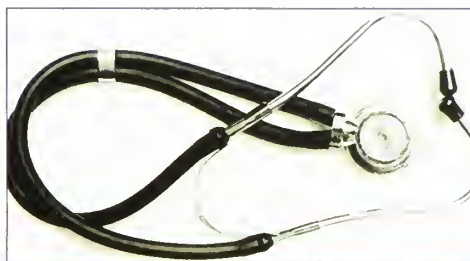


president was able to secure a \$100,000 grant from the Hearst Foundation. The Foundation encouraged the University to raise additional funds, and later awarded CSU an additional \$100,000 gift. The \$500,000 goal was exceeded in 2004 with a \$200,000 gift from Joyce Mixson, creating the Joyce and Frank Mixson Endowed Nursing Scholarship. The nursing endowment now totals over \$556,000. "This is a real landmark, and it's a vote of confidence in the program, a credit to the faculty and a salute to our students," said CSU President Dr. Jairy C. Hunter Jr.

Mixson and her late husband are no strangers to CSU, having been longtime friends of the University. Starting in the 1970s, the Mixsons donated to a variety of funds, including the L. Mendel Rivers Library and Lightsey Chapel Auditorium. In 1991, they began the Charles Neill Moore Endowed Scholarship in Accounting, in memory of their son Charles Neill Moore '69, who died in an automobile accident. They have also been members of the board of visitors. "Charleston Southern is dear to our hearts, and has been all these years," says Mixson.

In 2003, President Hunter asked Mixson to consider a large donation to the

University. Later that year, she visited a cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic. Mixson mentioned that she was debating between designating the gift for church music scholarships, a personal favorite of hers, or endowing a nursing scholarship. The doctor encouraged her to donate to nursing scholarships due to the severe nursing shortage in the United States – and the decision was made. "I'm looking forward to seeing students graduate and serve the Lord with their training," says Mixson.



knew after that conversation that CSU was "the place for me," he says.

Arce has distinguished himself at CSU by earning a spot on the dean's list, and was awarded the 2003 "Capture Your Dream" Scholarship, an endowment begun by CSU's first class of nursing graduates. He served as president of CSU's chapter of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA), and soon set his sights even higher, running for – and winning – the office of national president of NSNA. He is the first student from South Carolina to achieve this honor.

Arce says, "I can affirm to you that CSU is now on the map," referring to the time he has spent promoting CSU and the School of Nursing as president of NSNA. It's his way, he explains, of saying thank you to the institution for the financial aid and learning experiences he has been given.

Karen Lindsay '06 is also on active duty with the Navy, and was accepted into the MECF. A mother, and the first in her family to attend college, Lindsay is the recipient of a nursing scholarship from the Hearst Foundation's challenge grant funds. The scholarship "relieved so much of the burden on me," Lindsay says.

Several years ago, CSU embarked on a campaign to raise \$500,000 in endowed scholarship funds for the School of Nursing. The University had already received several generous gifts toward nursing scholarships, and the



CSU President Dr. Jairy Hunter and scholarship donor Joyce Mixson sign the guidelines for the Joyce and Frank Mixson Endowed Nursing Scholarship.

More than one million new and replacement nurses will be needed in the United States by 2012.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The U.S. Department of Labor has identified registered nursing as the top occupation in terms of job growth through 2012.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The U.S. will experience a 20 percent shortage in the number of nurses needed in our nation's health care system by the year 2020.

Source: Journal of the American Medical Association

As baby boomers retire, the ratio of potential caregivers to the people most likely to need care, the elderly population, will decrease by 40 percent between 2010 and 2030.

Source: "Who Will Care for Each of Us? America's Coming Health Care Crisis," Nursing Institute, University of Illinois College of Nursing

In hospitals, a 10 percent increase in the proportion of nurses holding B.S.N. degrees decreased the risk of patient death and failure to rescue by 5 percent.

Source: Journal of the American Medical Association

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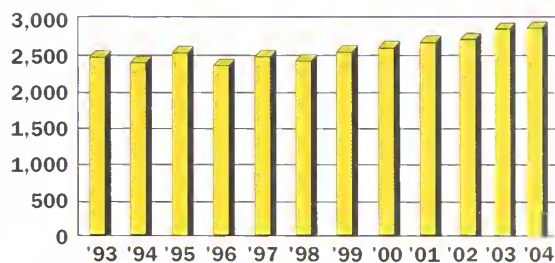
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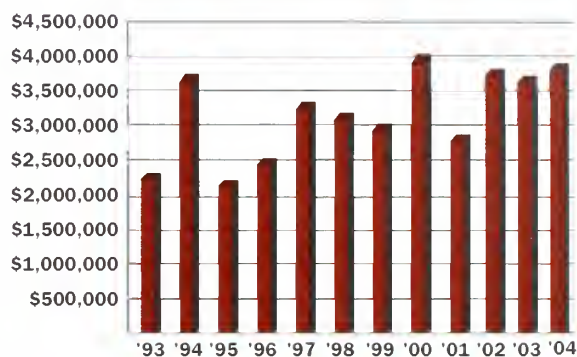
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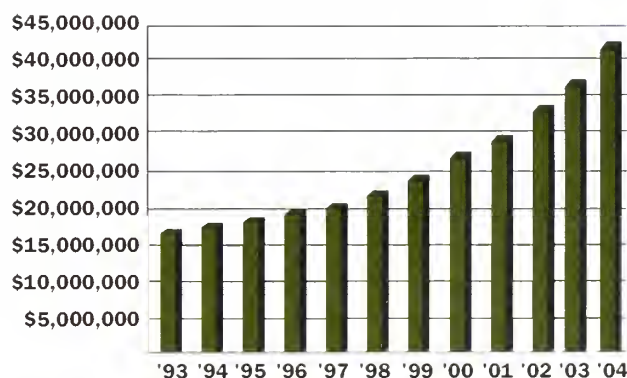
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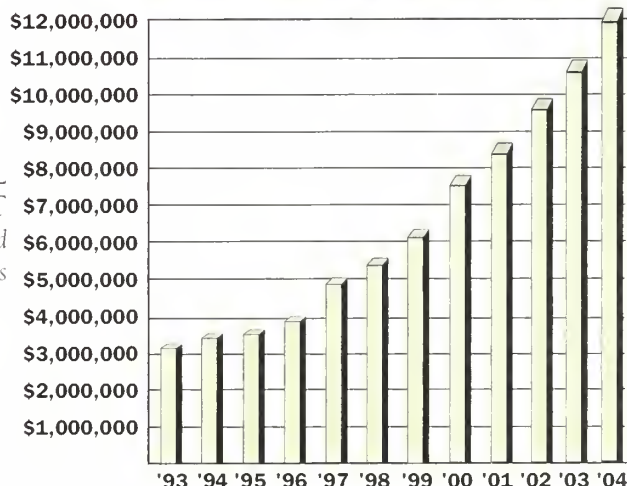
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